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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Dispensing device for drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs comprising:

a plurality of supply means for supplying a specific foodstuff or a mixture of specific foodstuffs;

a filling mechanism for filling a container with a predetermined amount of a specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

identification means comprising at least one sensor ~~for~~ detecting at least one of shape characteristics and weight of containers that differ from one another but that are all ~~designed to be filled with a foodstuff for subsequent consumption from the container, and adapted to send out~~ wherein the sensor generates an identification signal that specifies the container detected; and

a programmable memory, wherein ~~in which~~ at least one of amount signals and choice signals corresponding to the identification signal are stored, for specifying the foodstuffs;

a valve mechanism ~~adapted such that in response to~~ in communication with the identification means, wherein the identification signal actuates the valve mechanism ~~puts to put~~ at least one of the supply means in communication with the filling mechanism, ~~so that~~ wherein the filling mechanism fills the container ~~can be filled~~ with a predetermined amount of the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs; and

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learning means with a manually actuatable dispensing control for dispensing a foodstuff into a container, wherein the learning means stores data and for storing in the memory data relating to at least one of the amount and state of filling in dependence on the identification signal; wherein the learning means ~~provides for entering~~ enters specification data into the device ~~specification data for a specific foodstuff in dependence on~~ corresponding to the identification signal.

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein the identification means comprises reading means to read information attached to the container.
4. (Previously Presented) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein the identification means is adapted to send out a start signal, which releases the valve mechanism for filling the container when the container is in a predetermined position with respect to the filling mechanism.
5. (Previously Presented) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein a manually actuatable start switch is provided to send out a start signal that causes a filling process to begin.
6. (Previously Presented) Dispensing device according to Claim 1, wherein the filling mechanism is adapted to fill simultaneously two containers with the specified foodstuff, the identification means is designed to send out position signals, and the filling mechanism is controlled so that either one or two containers are filled, depending on how many are present.
7. (Currently Amended) Dispensing device for drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs comprising:

a plurality of supply means for supplying a specific foodstuff or a mixture of specific foodstuffs;

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a filling mechanism for filling a container with a predetermined amount of a specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

identification means comprising at least one sensor for detecting at least one of shape characteristics and weight of containers that differ from one another but that are all designed to be filled with a foodstuff for subsequent consumption from the container, and adapted to send out wherein the sensor sends an identification signal that specifies the a container detected; and

a valve mechanism ~~adapted such that in response to~~ in communication with the identification means, wherein the identification signal ~~it puts~~ actuates the valves mechanism to put at least one of the supply means in communication with the filling mechanism, ~~so that wherein the filling mechanism fills~~ the container ~~can be filled~~ with a predetermined amount of the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs;

wherein the identification means comprise a filling-state sensor to specify a ~~maximal~~ maximum filling state to which the container is to be filled with the specified foodstuff or mixture of foodstuffs.

8-9. (Cancelled)